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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A nonwoven textile article that has been chemically modified to achieve pilling resistance, soil release, strength, and abrasion resistance properties,

wherein the textile article is comprised of spun-bonded continuous multi-component fibers that are splittable along their length by mechanical or chemical action, and wherein said fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, nylon, and combinations thereof, and

wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum pilling resistance rating of "B" according to ASTM D4970 for Martindale Pilling and Marks & Spencer Test Method P17 and wherein said fabric further achieves a minimum soil release rating of 3.0 according to AATCC Method 130-2000 after 1 wash cycle.

Claim 2-4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is dyed.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is undyed.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric exhibits increased wearer comfort due to a lack of pill formation.

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Claim 9 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of pill formation.

Claim 10 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due to a lack of pill formation and increased wearer comfort and appearance retention.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~44~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of staining of the fabric.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~44~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due its desired appearance retention.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum soil release rating of 3.5 according to AATCC Method 130-2000 after 5 wash cycles.

Claim 15 (original) The textile article of claim 14, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric retains its desired appearance due to a lack of staining of the fabric.

Claim 16 (original) The textile article of claim 14, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric possesses extended useful life due its desired appearance retention.

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Claim 17 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 2.0 pounds according to ASTM D1424 for Elmendorf Tear.

Claim 18 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 8.0 pounds direction according to ASTM D5587 for Trap Tear.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum strength rating of 70 pounds according to ASTM D5034 for Grab Tensile.

Claim 20 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum abrasion resistance rating of 520 cycles to failure according to ASTM D3886 for Stoll Flat.

Claim 21 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric achieves a minimum abrasion resistance rating of 14,750 cycles to failure according to ASTM D3885 for Flex Abrasion.

Claim 22 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of apparel.

Claim 23 (currently amended) The textile article of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of bedding.

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Claim 24 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of residential upholstery.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of commercial upholstery.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of automotive upholstery.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article of napery.

Claim 28 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article for residential cleaning.

Claim 29 (currently amended) The textile article of claim 3 1, wherein the textile article is a fabric and said fabric is incorporated into an article for commercial cleaning.